

REMARKS

The present response is to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced case on December 28, 2007. Claims 1-35 are standing for examination. The Examiner rejects claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simons et al. (US 6,332,198) hereinafter Simons, in view of Zadikian et al. (US 6,724,757) hereinafter Zadikian.

The applicant has amended claims 1, 12 and 24. Claim 1 now recites the software executing from a memory media, fulfilling the requirement for patentability under 35 U.S.C. 101. Further claim 1 is amend to add the limitations of claim 5 and claim 10, which are now cancelled. The portion of Simons relied upon by the examiner, col. 7, lines 25-41 in rejecting claims 10 and 23 describes a distributed computing system as a collection of independent computers, but teaches nothing whatever about APS grouping of interfaces is physically supported on one processor.

Claim 12 has now been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 23, cancelling claim 23, and the examiner relies upon the same portion of col. 7, lines 25-41, which teaches nothing about primary and backup processors comprise the same processor. The limitation of the primary and backup processors comprising the same processor has been added to claim 24 as well.

Independent claim 1, 12 and 24 are therefore now patentable over the art cited and applied, and depended claims 2-4, 6-9 and 11, as well as claims 13-22 and 25-35 are now patentable at least as depended from a patentable claim.

As all of the claims as amended and argued are clearly shown to be patentable over the prior art, applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and that the case be passed quickly to issue. If any fees are due beyond fees paid with this response, authorization is made to deduct those fees from deposit account 50-0534. If any time extension is needed beyond any extension requested with this amendment, such extension is hereby requested.

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